



March 17, 2006

SENATE PASSES BUDGET RESOLUTION

Yesterday evening, the Senate adopted their FY07 budget resolution by a vote of 51-49. The resolution adds more than \$16 billion to the Administration's, including the \$7 billion amendment sponsored by Senators Specter (R-PA) and Harkin (D-IA). This amendment will increase total discretionary spending for education, social services and employment training programs.

The amendment offered by Senators Kennedy (D-MA) and Menendez (D-NJ) which would have restored cuts to student aid programs, vocational education, and job training programs as well as increase the Pell Grant to \$4500, failed with a vote of 50 - 50.

THANK YOUR SENATOR: The Specter/Harkin amendment greatly increases the possibility to restore funding to education programs that were cut – including Perkins. If appropriate, please be sure to thank your senator for their support on this important vote. To see how your senator voted, click [here](#).

NEXT STEPS: There is still a long way to go before education programs receive an increase for FY07. The next step is passage of the House budget resolution and then a conference with the Senate and then action by the appropriations committees. The House is not expected to mark-up their version the budget resolution until early April.

UPDATE: HOUSE DEAR COLLEAGUE LETTER

Thanks to those of you who contacted your Representative and urged them to sign onto the House "Dear Colleague" letter in support of Perkins funding. With a total of 129 signatures, the letter will be delivered to House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Chairman Ralph Regula (R-OH) and Ranking Member David Obey (D-WI).

The list of final signatories is below. If appropriate, please thank your Representative for their support!

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